

Monthly report for the Commonwealth of Learning under the Poverty Reduction through Education, Innovation and Networks (COL PROTEIN) 2006/7 Programme

November 2007



Project:
Winneba Open Digital Village for ICT Capacity-Building
and Community Development (C07-292)

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Introduction

oneVillage Foundation-Ghana (OVF-Ghana) was selected as one of the winners of the Commonwealth of Learning request for proposal under the Poverty Reduction through Education, Innovation and Networks (COL PROTEIN) 2006/2007 scheme in the second quarter of 2007. By June 2007, modalities were completed and OVF-Ghana started the implementation of the project. As per the contract terms under the grant, OVF-Ghana is to submit a monthly report and should detail;

- conduct of activities since last report
- schedule of activities in the next reporting period; and
- issues or problems.

This report summarises activities undertaken in the month of October 2007 under these headings.

Activities Undertaken

1. Mr. Reuben Aggor (COL Partner, Ghana) and Mr. Skido Achulo (Multimedia Technologist of the University of Education, Winneba) facilitated the Open and Distance Learning (ODL) Materials Development Workshop held from the 29th - 30th November, 2007 under the Winneba Open Digital Village ICT for Capacity Building and Community Development project.
2. Participants for the workshop were drawn from the Community Health Nurses Training School, District Assembly, National Commission for Civic Education, Department for Social Welfare, Winneba District Prison, Radio Peace (Local Radio Station) and the University of Education, Winneba.
3. A part of the ODL Materials development Workshop, a studio recording simulation was organised for participants to record their ODL materials produced during the training. This was a very successful event as the demo-materials produced was encouraging.
4. A new local Internet Cafe business located at SSNIT Hostel within the University of Education, Winneba was connected as a new client unto the WODiV Wireless Network on the 21st November, 2007.
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6. A battery backup system has been acquired and installed to increase the percentage uptime of the WODiV Wireless Network. This was made possible with a cash donation from a philanthropist in the US to the support the activities of oneVillage Foundation, Ghana.
7. Patronage of the WODiV facility have grown and the statistics are as follows:

Category	No. of Visitors
University Community	220
General Public	57
TOTAL	277

Purpose of Visit	No. of Visitors
Research	146
Browsing	83
Workshops	44
Visitors /Inquiries	4
TOTAL	277

Schedule of activities in the next reporting period: December 1 – 31, 2007

1. Develop ODL Materials for text and Radio.
2. Collect Materials from the community and Government agencies for the web portal.
3. Complete a new recording schedule with the Multimedia Technologist for recording of the audio ODL content developed.
4. Follow up on sponsorships requests submitted to potential sponsors.

Issues or Problems

The following issues arose and hindered work directly or indirectly;

1. Fluctuating electricity voltages in the Winneba area is affecting the performance of the Wireless equipment to malfunction leading to an appreciable downtime on the Internet service provision.
2. Expanding scope of work and low staff numbers is having a toll on project implementation.

Conclusion

The ODL Materials workshop was well attended and materials developed have good content. The internet café has also started operations.

Appendix One : Pictures



1. Participants look on during a simulated studio recording



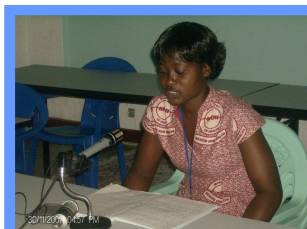
2. Mr. R. Aggor (Consultant) in a hearty chat with the WODiV Project Coordinator, Kafui A. Prebbie



3. Section of the Participants developing ODL materials



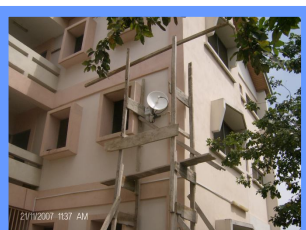
4. Mr. Skido Achulo (Multimedia Technologist) guiding a participant during a recording session in the workshop



5. Miss Raheal Yankson recording her ODL material for recording



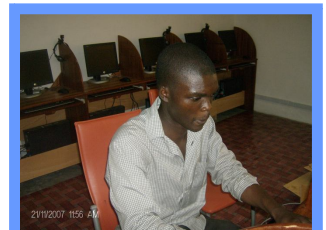
6. One of the successful participants receiving her certificate from the Bank Manager of Ghana Commercial Bank



7. Installed Wireless equipment at the SSNIT Hostel



8. Installation of Repeater Station at Windy Lodge Hotel

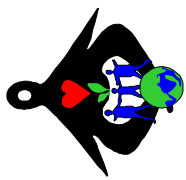


9. Setting up of A4 Internet Café at the SSNIT Hostel

Appendix Two: Participants Information

OPEN AND DISTANCE LEARNING WORKSHOP 29 – 30 September, 2007 @ the Winneba Open Digital Village Participants List

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Open and Distance Learning (ODL) Workshop

Certificate of Participation

This is to certify that

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has participated in an Open and Distance Learning Materials Development Workshop as part of the
Winneba Open Digital Village for ICT Capacity Building and Community Development Project
under the COL PROTEIN 2007 programme
from **29th - 30th November, 2007**
at **Winneba Open Digital Village (WODiV)**

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ICT Coordinator
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